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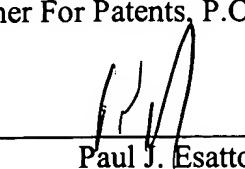
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- 11.) Irani, Michal, “Improving Resolution by Image Registration,” Graphical Models and Image Processing, Vol. 53, No. 3, p.231-239, 1991;
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The references 1-10 were cited in a Search Report dated November 22, 2004

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